

# CCSD BOARD OF TRUSTEES BOARD MEETING

March 10, 2014



### **BUSINESS MEETING**

(Audit & Finance/Policy & Personnel)

75 Calhoun St., Charleston, SC 29401

A regular meeting of the Charleston County School District Board of Trustees was held on Monday, March 10, 2014, in the Board Room at 75 Calhoun Street with the following members of the Board present: Mrs. Cindy Bohn Coats – Chair, Mr. Tom Ducker - Vice Chair, Mr. Craig Ascue, Rev. Chris Collins, Mr. Todd Garrett, Mr. Michael Miller, Mr. Emerson Tripp Wiles, and Dr. Nancy J. McGinley, Superintendent and Executive Secretary. Mrs. Elizabeth Moffly called in to participate on the vote for Orange Grove Charter. Mr. Chris Fraser was absent.

Staff members Mr. Michael Bobby, Mr. Bill Briggman, Dr. Chuck D'Alfonso, Mr. John Emerson, Mrs. Michele English-Watson, Dr. Lisa Herring, Mrs. Audrey Lane, Mr. Bill Lewis, Mr. Louis Martin, Mr. John McCarron, Dr. Brenda Nelson, Mrs. Terri Nichols, Mr. Paul Padron, Mrs. Erica Taylor, Mrs. Latisha Vaughn-Brandon, and Dr. James Winbush were also in attendance.

The news media was duly notified of the meeting. Media representatives were present.

# . EXECUTIVE SESSION

4:30 p.m.

Mr. Ducker moved, seconded by Mr. Ascue, to suspend Policy BEDA to add an item to the agenda regarding make-up days in accordance to Policy BG/BGD School Board Policy Process/Board Review of Regulation. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Miller moved, seconded by Rev. Collins, to go into Executive session at 4:30 pm to discuss Executive Session items listed below. The motion was approved unanimously.

- 1.1: Non Resident Student Transfer Request
- 1.2: Legal Matters Mr. John Emerson, General Counsel
- 1.3: Request for Proposal, P1410 VoIP Telephone System Mr. Michael Bobby, Chief of Finance & Operations
  - 1.4: Student Expulsion Appeal Decisions

#### 1.5: Personnel Update

#### **OPEN SESSION**

5:15 p.m.

# II. CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE, & PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE

Mrs. Coats called the meeting to order at 5:35pm. Then she called for a Moment of Silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

#### A. Motion to Suspend Policy BEDA

Mrs. Coats announced that earlier the Board approved a motion to suspend Policy BEDA to add an item to this agenda regarding make-up days in accordance to Policy BG/BGD School Board Policy Process/Board Review of Regulation. This item will be placed at the end of the agenda.

#### B. Adoption of the March 10, 2014 Agenda

Mr. Garrett moved, seconded by Mr. Miller, to adopt the March 10, 2014 agenda. The vote was 7-0.

# IV. SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS (15 minutes) – Mrs. Erica Taylor, Executive Director of Strategy & Communications

#### A. College Board Southern Regional Counselor of the Year Award

Ms. Lynn Demmons, Senior Educational Manager K-12 of the College Board presented the AP Counselor of the Year Award to Ms. Amy Neloms, Director of Guidance and Counseling Services.

#### B. GALA Recognition

Ms. Erica S. Taylor, Executive Director of Strategy and Communications recognized the Office of Teacher Effectiveness for their dedication and exemplary leadership with honoring CCSD educators at last month's Winter Gala.

#### V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Dr. Nancy J. McGinley, Superintendent of Schools

The Superintendent shared the following:

1. Dr. McGinley began with a Moment of Silence for the loss of Candice Bates Quinn, former Director of Guidance. Mrs. Bates-Quinn was a 29 year veteran with the District and played a key role in our guidance services. She touched the lives of many students, parents and staff and will be dearly missed.

- 2. Wando Boys Basketball Team was congratulated for winning the state championship title this past weekend. They finished the season 25-4. This is the first basketball championship for the Warriors. She congratulated all the players, their families as well as Principal Beckham and Coach Eaton.
- 3. The Innovation Zone Community held its Spelling Bee at Chicora ES. Hundreds of parents and students attended. The superintendent congratulated Levi Rivers of NCES for being the elementary winner and Rodney Teasley of Military Magnet Academy for being the middle school winner.
- 4. Office of Teacher Effectiveness and the volunteers were thanked for the hard work to make the Teacher Gala an elegant event.

#### VI. VISITORS, PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

- 1. Mr. Charles Atkins III, a Sanders Clyde ES teacher, thanked Dr. McGinley, the Board, and the gala planners for recognizing teachers at the recent Teacher Gala. His students performed at the gala.
- 2. Ms. Jeehan Dinwiddie and Ms. Alyssa Lohrman, a first year teachers at Memminger, thanked the Office of Teacher effectiveness for their support.
- 3. Ms. Nakita Manigault, a first year teacher at Charleston Progressive, commended the Office of Teacher Effectiveness staff for their support.
- 4. Ms. Wanda Sheats, principal at Charleston Progressive, addressed the Board about maintaining support for Induction Teachers. She said having Mr. Caldwell with the Office of Teacher Evaluation was supportive. She requested the support continue.
- 5. Mr. John Clendaniel thanked the board for approving the charter extension earlier. He asked the Board to approve the recommendation to allow Orange Grove to use the vacant Oakland ES facility.
- 6. Ms. Jane Fralix, an Orange Grove teacher, addressed the Board in support of the recommendation to allow Orange Grove Charter to use Oakland as a temporary facility.
- 7. Mr. Charles Maxwell addressed the Board in support of the recommendation to allow Orange Grove Charter to use the Oakland as a temporary facility.
- 8. Ms. Tanya Ancrum addressed the Board in support of the recommendation to allow Orange Grove Charter to use the Oakland facility.
- 9. Barry Cohn addressed the Board in support of the recommendation to allow Orange Grove Charter to use the Oakland facility.
- 10. Mr. Mohammed Idris asked the Board to consider closing the gap that exists between the rich and the poor. He urged the Board to introduce appropriate teaching that would allow students to become gainfully employed.

# VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA ITEMS

**7.1:** Mr. Ascue moved, seconded by Mr. Miller, to approve the open session minutes of February 24, 2014. The vote was 7-0.

#### 7.2: Executive Session Action Items of March 10, 2014

The Board acted on the executive session action items of March 10, 2014 shown below.

#### 1.1: Non Resident Student Transfer Request

Mr. Ascue moved, seconded by Rev. Collins, to approve a non-resident student transfer request. The vote was 7-0.

# 1.2: Legal Matters - Mr. John Emerson, General Counsel

No act ion was taken.

# 1.3: Request for Proposal, P1410 VoIP Telephone System - Mr. Michael Bobby, Chief of Finance & Operations

Mr. Ascue moved, seconded by Mr. Garrett, to approve the Request for Proposal for VoIP Telephone System. The cost is \$148,650. The funding sources are Fixed Cost of Ownership. The vote was 7-0.

#### 1.4: Student Expulsion Appeal Decisions (2)

The Board voted on two student expulsion decisions. The vote is shown below:

- **A.** Rev. Collins moved, seconded by Mr. Ascue, to approve the recommendation of the Board Committee that heard the appeal on January 24<sup>th</sup> 2014. The motion follows: To overturn the District 4 Expulsion decision and allow the student to remain in MUSC's STAR Program, upon successful completion of the program. Then the student would transition back to Daniel Jenkins Academy for the remainder of the 2013-14 SY with the appropriate paperwork. The vote was 7-0.
- **B.** Rev. Collins moved, seconded by Mr. Ascue, to amend the recommendation from the Board committee that heard the appeal of 2/18/14. Option 2 of the recommendation received from staff was selected. The student would be placed on the Daniel Jenkins Learning Center roster. However student will attend the Summit Program for the 2013-14 SY. The vote was 7-0.
- At 6:21pm Mr. Ascue moved, seconded by Mr. Miller, to have a 5 minute recess. The board approved the motion by consensus. The Board reconvened at 6:26pm.

#### 1.5: Personnel Update

The Board received a personnel update. However, no action was taken.

#### 7.3: Financial Minutes of February 24, 2014

Mr. Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Garrett, to approve the financial minutes of February 24, 2014. The vote was 7-0.

#### VIII. CAE UPDATE

The Board did not receive a Charleston Achieving Excellence update.

#### IX. MANAGEMENT REPORT(S)

The Board did not receive a Management Report.

### X. COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

#### 10.1: Audit & Finance Committee

#### A. Audit & Finance Committee Update

The Committee will provide information and receive input from Board members on the following:

- -Items that are currently before the committee that have not been brought forward to the Board;
- -Future topics the committee plans to bring forward; and
- -What is needed to move the item forward?

#### **B. Extend Durham Contract**

Mr. Garrett moved, seconded by Rev. Collins, to approve the recommendation to extend the Durham Contract for one additional year to allow additional time for legal research on how to resolve union contract issues that will be incumbent on any transportation provider new to CCSD. The vote was 4-3 (Ascue, Coats and Ducker opposed).

Mr. Garrett said since there isn't enough time to get the Request for Proposals out, the request to extend would ensure continuation of services.

Mr. Miller asked how many years the contract was for. Mr. Bobby said it was for five with the opportunity to extend up to nine years.

Mrs. Coats asked about increases for the 2013-14 SY due to collective bargaining and if there was a 2.8% on top of the 5% increase. Mr. Bobby confirmed.

Mr. Ascue asked who completes the survey. Mr. Bobby said it was done through Studer and it's all school-based. He also said Durham made positive strides.

#### C. E-Rate Funding Year 2014 Resolution

Mr. Garrett moved, seconded by Rev. Collins, to approve the resolution to enable applications for funding per governing regulations. The vote was 7-0.

Rev. Collins said CCSD pays  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the amount. Then he asked who paid the other half. Mr. Bobby said the district does a reimbursement annually and CCSD pays 30 cents on a dollar. The rest is covered by the Federal Government and other entities.

#### D. Jones Ford Agreement for Lease of Charlestowne Academy

Mr. Garrett moved, seconded by Mr. Miller, to approve a facilities use agreement to lease Charlestowne Academy, Bethune Campus to Jones Ford for one year for 1) parking of vehicles, 2) interior administrative storage, 3) construction material lay down, and 4) security office. The lease amount is \$5,000 per month for the site and \$1,120 per month for the office building.

Rev. Collins offered a friendly amendment that the lease money goes to underperforming elementary schools in District 4. Mr. Garrett accepted the amendment. The vote was 7-0.

Mr. Bobby cautioned the Board about the long term impact of setting a dangerous precedence by earmarking funds for a specific location when the money may be needed across the district. Mrs. Coats asked specific questions about the lease. Mr. Bobby said the term was 18 months. He urged the Board to consider long term consequences of those type actions. Mr. Garrett said he didn't want to set precedence. However,

Mr. Garrett said it was a fair amount for the use of the property that was appraised at \$1.6 million. The lease is until June 2015 and they will restore property when they are done. Mr. Bobby said the property is already under consideration for other use. It was determined years ago that it would be used as asset to bring other assets to the district such as land for a future school site.

Rev. Collins asked if the property would be used to sell vehicles. Mr. Bobby said it would only be used for storage and moving vehicles on the property. Mr. Wilcher said the property would not be used for sale purposes. Mr. Bobby said the revenue generated is a plus and it doesn't require any other work by the district. Rev. Collins asked if they will use the main building. Mr. Bobby said they are using a small portion in the main building. Rev. Collins asked the value of using the building and if it was considered. Mr. Bobby confirmed Mr. Garrett's earlier comment that the rate they are paying is reasonable. Rev. Collins asked if the lease amount collected could go to underperforming schools in North Charleston.

#### E. Murray-LaSaine Elementary School - Design-Build Team Procurement

Mr. Garrett moved, seconded by Mr. Ascue, to approve the recommendation authorizing staff to enter into a contact with Murray LaSaine ES School Montessori Conversion for a not to exceed amount of \$7,300,000.00 The funding source is the one cent sales tax revenues. The vote was 7-0.

Mr. Ascue asked if all of the local contractors were tested. Mr. Lewis said they were.

# F. Nutrition Services Partnering with National IPA in a Potential Revenue Generating Agreement

Mr. Garrett moved, seconded by Rev. Collins, to approve the recommendation for CCSD Nutrition Services to move forward with partnering with National Intergovernmental Purchasing Alliance (IPA), at no cost to the district. The vote was 7-0.

Mr. Garrett said the partnership with the National IPA would save the district \$104,000 annually. Mr. Walter Campbell said purchasing power in SC will soon diminish. That's why he wants to join with IPA. CCSD would lead the effort and others could join in for better pricing.

Mr. Ascue asked the district's purchasing power. Mr. Campbell said this coming school year the purchasing distributors in South Carolina will combine so the purchasing power in SC will diminish. In partnering with IPA, there is not a lead company at this time. Therefore, he would like CCSD to be a lead agency. The RFP is written to allow district, state and national, to join and get better prices from manufacturers. Mr. Ascue asked about the effort to get other districts involved and if the effort would cut out local vendors. Mr. Campbell said it wouldn't cut out local vendors. However, IPA would make 2% on the back end from the distributors and manufacturers, not the district. He said there is \$400,000 in DOD funds and that would increase to \$900,000.

Mr. Ducker asked if the purchasing power would be reduced. Mr. Campbell said bread, rice and pasta would be from local vendors. Mr. Ducker asked if there were any risks associated with the partnership and what would happen if it failed. Mr. Campbell said thirty day notice is needed to end the contract.

Mrs. Coats asked if additional staff would be needed since additional paperwork would be generated because of the district's lead role. Mr. Campbell said none and there is no minimum purchase to maintain the no fee cost.

#### G. Spring 2014 Bond Anticipation Note Sale

Mr. Garrett moved, seconded by Rev. Collins, to approve the recommendation to adopt the Resolution approving the Spring 2014 Bond Anticipation Notes in the amount of not exceeding \$36,000,000 Series 2014A and not exceeding \$62,000,000 Series 2014B to fund the following:

1. Approximately \$12,380,000 for the June 1st installment payment for alternative financing based on long-term debt structure and commitments (Series 2014A).

- 2. Approximately \$23,000,000 to support the Fixed Cost of Ownership Capital Program for FY2015 (Series 2014A).
- 3. Approximately \$60,000,000 to pay off spring 2013 Bond Anticipation Note for the Sales Tax Program and fund additional Sales Tax projects (Series 2014B).

The issuance will use the level of millage currently assessed for FY2014 which totals 26 mills. The vote was 7-0.

Mrs. Coats said she reviewed the 2012 and 2013 BAN and asked why it is going up. She specifically asked why FCO went up. Mr. Bobby said \$5 million was ordered in the fall for FCO because they are able to generate the revenue funds for the same amount of millage. They capitalized the amount of money to be used for capital needs under FCO. He said there is a plethora of needs the district, security, technology, furniture, fixture and equipment, safety that the district doesn't even come near with funding of \$23 million. No millage increase generates the amount of money needed and it's paid off with short-term borrowings. This time the money is increase as demanded by the cash flow. He said it also helps solve the 8% cash flow concern. About the \$62 million, Mr. Bobby said this is the sales tax installment. The first \$12 million is the June 1st installment payment for the 2005-09 building program. There are three parts—Sales Tax, FCO, and Alternative Financing. This is standardized operating procedures and it has been done this way the past three years during the spring.

Mrs. Coats asked about short-term lending and if the district has paid any of it back. Mr. Bobby said it is a rolling amount. The district is paying back \$25 and keeping \$35 and not adding the \$62 million.

#### H. Funding for Fixed Cost of Ownership Needs for Fiscal Year 2015

Mr. Garrett moved, seconded by Mr. Miller, to approve the Fixed Cost of Ownership Program for fiscal year 2015 recommendation for needs identified in each area of the FCO program for fiscal year 2015 in the amount of \$23,000,000 for needs identified in each area of the Fixed Cost of Ownership Program, which includes needs identified in fiscal year 2014 that were not initially included in funding for FY 2014, needs to be identified for fy2015, and additional projects. All needs will be prioritized and a detailed prioritized list will be sent to the Board for approval with the Fiscal Year 2015 District Budget. The vote was 7-0.

#### I. Comprehensive Induction System

Mr. Ducker moved, seconded by Rev. Collins, to approve only **2** additional Teacher Effectiveness Specialists to provide ongoing coaching and observation, professional learning opportunities, and models of teacher effectiveness for first-year educators for one year only. The cost is not to exceed \$140,000. The funding source is General Operating Funds. The vote was 7-0.

Mr. Garrett said he voted against the motion in the Audit & Finance Committee. Mrs. Anita Huggins spoke of the importance of supporting new teachers and principals. The rate for teacher retention was less than districts that had an induction model to support new teachers. The data has been tracked on new teachers that received support from the Office of Teacher Effectiveness.

Mrs. Huggins said there are only two employees on staff to support 250 new teachers. The proposal has been revised to add two teachers next year, instead of eight. The total amount should be a little over \$100,000 for next year. Rev. Collins and Mr. Ducker requested the results be provided beforehand next year.

Mrs. Coats said the request was for 10 Teacher Effectiveness Specialists and inquired about the training cost. Mrs. Huggins said her office would cover the training cost in house. Mrs. Huggins said next year she would possibly ask for two more specialists. Mr. Garrett suggested the additional assistance come from Mr. Briggmans' office.

Mrs. Coats asked the role of the four specialists would provide support to new teachers and the feedback has been good. However, the data should show increased performance for new teachers. Mr. Briggman responded to questions about the annual turnover rate for teachers.

Mrs. Coats asked for data on second year teachers. Mrs. Huggins said funds from the state only allow them to support teachers during their first year. However, they would like to maintain a continuity of support for these teachers beyond year one and see student achievement improve.

Mr. Miller suggested as the team of four specialists proceed, they should take an in depth look at first year teachers going into struggling schools and seeing what supports are provided to them. Then determining the formula to help deliver a better educational product to students at at-risk schools.

#### J. Orange Grove Charter School- Middle School Facility

Mrs. Moffly called in to participate in the discussion and vote on this item at 7:09pm.

Mr. Garrett moved, seconded by Mrs. Moffly, to approve the recommendation to allow Orange Grove ES to use the old Oakland ES facility, after St. Andrews vacates it in January 2015, as a temporary swing space. —The facility is presented "as is" and the renter agrees to taking over capital, operational, and maintenance expenses. Furthermore, occupancy date may change based upon any change in the completion of St. Andrews Math & Science ES project. The neighborhood meeting must be held with the outcome being the creation of documentation through which an agreement on this issue is reached and recorded. Finally, a MOU that details the manner in which this action will be executed must be completed and presented for approval to the CCSD Board of Trustees at least (3) months prior to occupancy. However, after discussion, the Board voted on another motion.

Mr. Garrett shared concerns expressed about possible traffic issues. He said the Memorandum of Understanding should be approved by the CCSD Board three months prior to occupancy by both parties.

Mr. Miller said individuals living in the Oakland neighborhood were told the property would be used as green space. Mr. Bill Lewis said they were initially engaged to gain support for the rebuilding of Oakland behind the space identified. They approved it. The amount of space on Oakland at this time is very small. The plan then with the engagement of the community was to gain support to allow the old Oakland facility to be used as a swing campus for two years. Then they agreed to hold the space for three years for swing space. With the ability to intervene with the structure and the commitment to stagger the two schools.

The commitment to the city and community was that when the district was done with Oakland, the facility would be demolished and used as green space. He said it would be wise for Orange Grove to engage the community on its plan. The district has not changed its mind about its commitment. However, things change.

Mr. Miller said individuals in the community weren't aware that Orange Grove was looking at the Oakland property as a potential site for their middle school. They would like to have seen some engagement in the community with the Orange Grove folks. Mr. Lewis said Orange Grove has a good track record and CCSD staff made a recommendation earlier to the charter school to engage the community in the project.

Rev. Collins asked about the operational cost of the Oakland facility. Mr. Lewis said \$350 per square foot for utilities, janitorial, maintenance and grounds. The cost is \$35-\$50,000 in the main building and \$30,000 in trailers. However, the intent is to remove the trailers. The main building itself is adequate for 300 individuals. If Orange Grove's analysis of the building is that it needs more space, then they would have to look at buying or leasing the additional space needed. The other staff recommendation is that the use of the Oakland campus was conditional with the State Department Office of School Facilities (OSF). The maintenance done at Oakland was to allow it to be a swing campus. Staff's recommendation was that two things needed to be changed—occupancy of middle school students when the building was designed for elementary school students. They have to get

OSF's approval on how to use an elementary school for middle school curriculum, i.e., they must request a waiver not to have a gym also they may need a waiver for not having space for chorus and band. Therefore, approval should be contingent upon them getting approval from OSF. Mr. Garrett said any associated cost would be the responsibility of the charter school.

Rev. Collins asked about the most recent construction work that was done in the building. Mr. Lewis said the most recent work done allows the district to use the facility for a short term. In five years large ticketed items such as the roof and HVAC replacements would be required within that timeframe. Currently, the facility is in better condition as a swing space than it was as an active school. Rev. Collins asked if the charter school cost would be less since they are doing their own work. Mr. Lewis said it was addressed by Mr. Garrett's recommendation. He said Mr. Clendaniel is familiar with the building and the system there is not complex. He spoke about the sprinkler system there, they must be careful about the work they do in the building and hire licensed professionals to do any work they have done in the facility. He suggested they hire a professional to assist them in the design. He said it is safe and students could get out quickly during a fire drill.

Mr. Ducker asked Mr. Clendaniel if the request is for five years. He confirmed and said five years or less. He said he didn't want to purchase the building because they would be required to bring it up to OSF codes to include sprinkler system and seismic upgrades.

Mrs. Coats asked about threshold as it relates to swing space. Mr. Lewis said he felt it is within the concept. However, he referred them to have that conversation directly with a licensed professional. He said the district is trying to be cooperative and wouldn't want anyone to think CCSD is setting standards but the state department. That's why he referred them to OSF. Also he said the state department is more flexible with charter schools than they are with public schools.

Dr. McGinley said the only member on the Board that was present five years ago was Rev. Collins when the Board emphasized the importance of community engagement. She said whatever the Board chooses to do, the district will cooperate. However, the district strongly recommends community engagement.

Mr. Ascue asked about the attendance zone. Mr. Clendaniel said they are a charter school. While they try to serve students in their area. He said when the trailers are moved, there would be play space. Mr. Ascue asked what the cost would be to bring it up to OSF standards. He said they would probably want to buy it after five years. Mr. Clendaniel said it would cost too much to bring it up to code because the facility was built in '60s. He said they will start with 120 students; 360 maximum. He couldn't purchase property and build it in a year and Oakland gives them the opportunity to open sooner. They used the McNair property and they were good tenants. He said there isn't a lot of property in the West Ashley area. He said it's a win-win for them. Also, he is certain the community would be fine with the proposal.

Mr. Miller said all problems could be solved with proper communication. The community is under the perception that the district isn't doing what it said it would do. He asked about the enrollment. Mr. Clendaniel said they were capped at 1100 for both levels. Mr. Miller asked what if OSF had concerns. Mr. Lewis said he had a conversation with Mr. Clendaniel about the Orange Grove parent that is a good architect. He spoke to them and advised them about the types of questions OSF will ask. Mr. Bill Lewis said CCSD is the most proactive district in the state of South Carolina with charter schools. Mr. Miller asked if the opening date was August 2015-16. Mr. Clendaniel confirmed. Mr. Lewis said the intent is to vacate the facility on time (June 5<sup>th</sup>), if the weather holds up.

Mrs. Coats asked Mr. Clendaniel why he didn't mention this request earlier when he came before the

Board 91 days ago. At that time he said they had a sound plan for the school and was ready to go. However, tonight he is saying that this is the only way they could get the school started in 2015-16. Mr. Clendaniel said he wanted to wait for approval of the middle school. He informed his parents that he wanted to start with fourth grade. However that may not happen. He said it's a great opportunity to get started with a building that is vacant and it would not cost the school district anything. Mrs. Coats asked about busing and the city code. Mr. Clendaniel said they own five buses that are not CCSD buses. Mrs. Coats asked if the district was okay with the traffic issues. Mr. Lewis said he didn't think it would be an obstacle.

Mrs. Coats said there is no timeframe on the recommendation. Mr. Garrett said it was discussed and he would include it in the motion.

Mr. Ducker said he was concerned about the community engagement. Also, he wants the proposed MOU before he goes to Oakland along with the OSF recommendation. Mr. Clendaniel said he could not go to OSF until it is approved. Also, he couldn't move in until it is cleared by OSF. Mr. Ducker said a few months ago, Mr. Clendaniel said he didn't need anything from the district to add the middle level. Mr. Ascue said he wanted to see the MOU beforehand. Mr. Garrett asked Mr. Emerson if the MOU for other charter schools could be used. Mr. Bill Lewis said they have a unique situation because they already have a MOU with the district. He suggested they amend that template. Mrs. Coats suggested the district request the MOU beforehand similar to the way it was done with the Meeting Street Group. Mrs. Coats said the motion was approved pending receipt of the operational plan.

Rev. Collins said he isn't concerned about the MOU. He suggested the motion be contingent upon receipt of the MOU within 30 days.

Mr. Miller said he would be willing help them with community engagement.

Mr. Garrett said the whole front area would open up when the trailers are moved. Then he said the existing MOU with the charter school could be amended to include the amount, not to exceed five years of occupancy.

Mr. Bobby said a MOU couldn't be done in 48 hours. However, an existing template or a hybrid of both could be used to develop a MOU by April.

Mr. Ducker, requested that this be tabled until March 24<sup>th</sup>. Rev. Collins said he didn't want to table it because of the parents that have come out tonight in support of the recommendation. Mrs. Coats said she didn't want to be inconsistent with them when Meeting Street Academy was required to do something different.

Mr. Ascue asked the audience to restrain from outbursts. The Board Chair said they met in December when the motion was approved for the current 3<sup>rd</sup> graders for the 2016-17 SY. Mrs. Coats said that is was not on the paperwork. The Board Chair said they were offered the opportunity to go into Oakland much earlier. Mr. Miller asked how difficult would it be to develop the MOU and present it back to the Board as soon as possible. He said 30 days would not delay moving into the school for the 2016 SY.

Mr. Clendaniel said he has a March 15<sup>th</sup> deadline for an offer on property. Also, the recommendation that came out of A&F was for the Board to approve it. He prefers seeing it move forward so he could make an offer on the proper by March 15<sup>th</sup>. He has after care going on at his school so parents could be at this meeting. He said the school is phenomenal and he has no problem presenting the MOU at a later time.

Mr. Miller asked why he wouldn't be able to pursue purchase of property if the Board doesn't approve it. Mr. Clendaniel said it may be off the table if it is delayed. Mrs. Moffly said the Board approved the expansion of the Middle School earlier. Now, they are only asking to use a vacant facility.

Dr. McGinley said the MSG was a two-step model. If the Board uses the two step model preliminary approval could be granted contingent upon acceptance of the MOU, community engagement, and OSF approval.

Mrs. Moffly asked why community engagement was necessary when the folks in the West Ashley area had already indicated their dissatisfaction with middle schools. Mrs. Coats said community engagement was necessary because they were told earlier that the school would be torn down now it is being considered for use.

Mr. Garrett moved, seconded by Rev. Collins, to give Orange Grove Charter preliminary approval allowing them to occupy the Oakland facility contingent upon approval of a Memorandum of Understanding not to exceed a total of five years, satisfaction of community engagement, and a MOU delivered to the CCSD Board of Trustees within thirty days. The vote was 6-1 (Coats opposed).

Mrs. Moffly offered a second motion to approve the lease for Orange Grove ES. However, no one seconded the motion. Mr. Wiles requested the MOU be pulled all together since there is already an MOU in place. Mr. Ascue said since two other schools had a MOU and it is necessary to sort it out to ensure consistency purposes.

Mrs. Moffly hung up after voting on this is the only (8:13pm).

#### 10.2: Policy Committee – Mr. Chris Fraser

#### A. Policy Committee Update

The Committee will provide information and receive input from Board members on the following:

- -Items that are currently before the committee that have not been brought forward to the Board;
- -Future topics the committee plans to bring forward; and
- -What is needed to move the item forward?

#### B. First Reading - Policy JLCD - Assisting Students with Medications

Mr. Ducker moved, seconded by Mr. Ascue, to approve the first reading of Policy JLCD. The vote was 6-0. Rev. Collins did not vote on this item since he was out of room.

C. First Reading – Policy JFABCA – Voluntary Transfers for Children of CCSD Employees Mr. Ducker moved, seconded by Mr. Ascue, to approve the first reading of Policy JFABCA. The vote was 7-0.

#### D. First Reading – JFAB – Nonresident Students

Mr. Ducker moved, seconded by Mr. Ascue, to approve the first reading of Policy JFAB. The vote was 6-1 (Collins opposed).

Mr. Miller asked about property owned by students. Mrs. Coats read the policy related to students owning property.

### 10.3: Strategic Education Committee – Mr. Michael Miller

#### A. Strategic Education Committee Update

The Committee will provide information and receive input from Board members on the following:

- -Items that are currently before the committee that have not been brought forward to the Board;
- -Future topics the committee plans to bring forward; and
- -What is needed to move the item forward?

#### XI. POTENTIAL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

#### 11.1: Release Information to Respond to Daniel Island Commission Questions

Mr. Ducker moved, seconded by Mr. Ascue, to approve the amended document to remove the last paragraph under section five and release CCSD information in response of questions from the Daniel Island Commission. The vote was 6-1 (Collins opposed).

Mr. Bobby responded to questions from Rev. Collins about the information requested. It's a simple response to a commission created by the Governor to deal with the pending situation. He didn't feel the questions from the Daniel Island Commission were binding, but just points of interests for individuals on both sides. He suggested the commission could be asked if the response was binding, in any way, between now and March 24. Mr. Ducker suggested the third paragraph of question five, be eliminated since it talks about sending Daniel Island students to Wando High. Mrs. Coats said those students should be sent to N. Charleston. Then she agreed that it was best to eliminate the entire paragraph. Mr. Ascue asked how the enrollment on Daniel Island would impact Wando High. Mr. Bobby said its only consideration of the high school program since K-8 is already served on Daniel Island and some students may opt to do something different based on things that are unknown at this time (neighboring district building a school). The high school population is very small based on the Census data. Mr. Bobby said a high school is being considered for the next building program. The high school population is not great in the census data.

Mr. Ascue asked Mr. Bobby to explain the levy of millage mentioned in the document. Mr. Bobby said the tax rates for the two districts are different. Berkeley County is significantly higher. No financial burden would occur on the CCSD side. The burden of having to pay for an existing building that no additional burden would be added to CCSD if current levies are used to cover the debt burden. He said it doesn't appear that the district would have to bear the burden of the property.

Rev. Collins said the answers to the questions must be answered carefully so it won't be a set up for the district.

#### 11.2: Middle School Transportation Adjustment

Mrs. Coats moved, seconded by Mr. Ducker, to delay the Middle School Transportation adjustment and conduct a study to address the bell time across the district as soon as possible. The vote was 6-1 (Ascue opposed).

Mr. Bobby said they are receiving information on transportation. In the meantime they met with Durham to accommodate the request to change the bell time for Middle Schools. He stripped away any barrier that would be a factor. He will have options to bring to the board to look at in the near future. He asked them to think out of the box and bring recommendations forward for consideration.

Mr. Ducker said his concern is they received letters from principals, teachers and parents. To say a study is going to be done is good. However, he wants a commitment from the Board that the problem would be fixed. Mrs. Coats said the Board had made it clear that the Board would solve this problem. She said it came from Mr. Fraser in a previous Audit & Finance meeting. Mr. Ducker said he wanted the Board's consensus that the CCSD Board would fix the problem.

Dr. McGinley said staff agrees with the urgency. However it may not be done as fast as the Board would like it to be.

#### 11.3: District 9 School and Community Task Force Recommendation

Mr. Ascue moved, seconded by Mr. Miller, to approve District 9 School and Community Task Force's recommendation as it relates to Angel Oak ES and ensure that all future requests be consistent with what other partial magnets have received. Both equity and unique needs should be considered. The amount is \$126,000. The funding source is General Operating funds. The vote was 7-0.

Dr. McGinley said staff took issue about the recommendation because it exceeded what other partial magnets receive. After reviewing the list it was determined that there are inconsistencies. The short term solution is to give Angel Oak FTEs not to exceed two FTEs to enable them to have a full time Art and PE teachers.

However, the district has a long range plan to bring a recommendation to address equity issues in partial magnet schools.

#### XII. NEW BUSINESS

#### 12.1: Make Up Day

Mr. Emerson said the Legislation to use up to five make up days, provided all make up days on the calendar have been used, has not been approved.

Mr. Ducker moved, seconded by Mr. Miller, to approve instruction on March 28<sup>th</sup> and postpone action on the other days in June. The vote was 7-0.

Since there was no other business to come before the Board, at 8:44pm Mr. Ascue moved, seconded by Mr. Miller to adjourn the board meeting. The motion was approved by consensus.	